

Friday Morning Prayer - Eastertide

Bell x3

Opening

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Let us praise our God

who has given us life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

Let us rejoice, then, even in our distress: we know you have claimed us as your own

and called us from our darkness into the light of your day.

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Poem

Psalm

...concluding the Psalm:

Glory to you, source of all being, eternal word and holy spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Silence

Reflections

Affirmation of our Faith

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

**with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession--at this time, we share, silently or aloud, our prayers of gratitude and of intercession for ourselves, our communities, and the world.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

Prayer in a time of pandemic

God of constant change, God of steadfast love: so much of what is familiar is being put to rest, perhaps for a spell, perhaps for good. May we who believe in life after death have faith to lay aside tired ways and to trust that what is true and good and life-giving will re-emerge from this cocooning tomb, transformed into a fuller embodiment of what always was.

Amen. *(From the Corrymeela Community)*

Sending

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to us who believe the gates of everlasting life.

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give us joy as we share the Easter faith.

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower us and fill us with Christ's peace.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God

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